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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed February 23, 2006, which set forth a Restriction Requirement for pending claims 1-35, and for which a response is due on March 23, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Application No.: 10/627,371 2 Docket No.: 249212022700

The Examiner requires election of one of the following inventions:

I. Claims 1-11, drawn to data storage cartridge, classified in class 360, subclass 132.

II. Claims 12-19, 29-35, drawn to a tape drive, classified in class 360, subclasss 95.

III. Claims 20-28, drawn to a tape path, classified in class 360, subclass 93.

Applicant hereby elects Group II (claims 12-19, 29-35), without traverse. Applicant requests examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

Applicant expressly reserves the right under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal form is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit**Account No. 03-1952 referencing 249212022700. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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